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CHOCOLATES

Young Prague forward Wilcox (left) and Melb. Hakoah stopper Van Alphen danced this duet last Sunday in the Australia Cup semifinal.



ALL-HAKOAH FINAL IS LIKELY IN AUS. CUP

— By PAUL DEAN —

The 1968 Australia Cup final may be an all-Hakoah affair.

The Sydney-based Hakoah had little trouble in winning their only Perth match against Azzurri 4-1 after some major organisational mess by the WA Federation.

The tie is likely to be amputated — as the second leg match may not take place at all.

In Sydney, Melb.-Hakoah forced a well merited 1-1 draw with Prauge and face Sun-

day's return match at Middle Park with optimism.

The Melbourne team played better than generally expected while Prague, possibly prematurely acclaimed as Sydney's glamor side, turned in a shockingly inapt performance.

The final of the Cup will be on October 27 and, if it is an interstate affair, also on November 3.

● Details on page 5.

FIAT BOSS MAY BE APIA'S PRESIDENT

APIA's next president is likely to be Signor Adolfo Galleotti, managing director of Fiat Motors of Australia.

Fiat in Turin are the financial colossus behind the famous Italian club, Juventus.

Signor Galleotti's active participation in APIA affairs would almost certainly have tremendous benefits for the club.

Among other things, APIA might, after years of absolute frustration, obtain from Juventus some hand-me-down players — still in world class compared with some of their present "stars".

While the current president, Eddie Provera is determined to quit, vice-president Vic Cappeletto may have a change of heart and stay in office.

He could seek election either as vice-president or chairman.

Oh, what a lovely war...

— By Our Own War Correspondent —

Australia's soccer war is continuing on the happy principle of "the enemy of your enemy is my friend".

Hardly any real policy issues are at stake in the feud and most of those involved concentrate on personal vendettas.

Some Sydney and Melbourne clubs are reportedly keen to turn the cold war into a hot one by establishing, one way or the other, the much-talked-about "inter-city league".

Some feverish negotiations take place secretly though not one club or official has openly admitted that he would be in-

terested.

A number of Sydney clubs, especially from the Second Division, may declare their lack of confidence in the NSW Executive.

A similar move would not surprise in Melbourne where clubs are far from unanimous in their praise of their ASF delegates.

It's more than likely that Sydney's "shooting war", if any, doesn't start before the AGM held next month.

CUP TO CROATIA

— From BOB LOW —

Croatia won the replayed final of the Dockerty Cup last Sunday, when they defeated Hellas 1-0.

Earlier Croatia also won the Victorian State League title, for a highly successful season.

Much of the credit for their brilliant 1968 season is due to coach Michael Kiss.

MEXICO 68

Few soccermen among marchers

— From LOU GAUTIER —

MEXICO CITY — Only two countries, Spain and Brazil were represented by their soccer teams in Saturday's colorful Opening Ceremony.

Some other teams here rested while others again were in other cities, getting ready for their first round matches.

This has at least saved

some minor embarrassment for the Hungarian, Czechoslovakian and Bulgarian players who didn't have to directly participate in the taking of the Olympic oath.

For these players are no more amateurs than their so-called full "A" teams which they left behind.

● Results on page 2.

BOYS MAY TOUR U.K.

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

A full Australian international team will be touring Britain, flying out in January 1970, with matches in the USA and New Zealand on the way home.

It's not fiction as the NSW Combined High Schools officials already hold a tour invitation from the English Schools Football Association, and the ASF and the English FA are corresponding on it.

NSW CHS soccer convenor, Rod Weiss, considers the venture will be financed, and is discussing details of age grouping and national trials with the CHS soccer committee and the ASF secretary Ian McAndrew, who will assist in the co-ordination.

Bob Quimby, the State CHS coach, favors extension of the tour from England to Scotland, Ireland and Wales.

The tour would take six weeks, and the ESFA has advised him that they would gladly cover all internal costs in England.

Perhaps the ASF could use the 1969 National Youth Championship as the trial series.

This, however, would depend on the age group chosen.

ADELAIDE NEWS

Kreft's kids face big test in Perth

— From ALLAN CRISP —

Can "Kreft's Kids" defeat the tournament-conditioned West Australians in Perth on Sunday (October 20)?

That's the question exercising the minds of Adelaide fans on the eve of the WA-SA interstate clash.

SA's commendable and far-sighted youth policy has met with success so far but there are fears that the youngsters will meet their Waterloo at the hands of the "Sandgropers."

WA's great performance in the Merdeka Tournament forms the basis of the doubts.

We can seek reassurance in the memory of SA's 2-3 loss to Cardiff City and their splendid form in downing a Port Pirie select 9-1.

Their only outing since then was an unspectacular 3-1 win over a combined Whyalla side.

The SA squad has had setbacks because of the six-match suspension of Hellas striker, Nick Pantelis and a knee injury to Juventus fullback, Joe Baggio.

The morale of the squad is high, however, under the leadership of coach, Edmund Kreft and selectors, Alex Hastings and Adrian Deckers.

Former Scottish international, Alex Hastings and crack coach, Edmund Kreft

provide a wealth of know-how to the inexperienced youngsters.

Kreft was born at Gdansk in Poland and came to Australia seven years ago. He played for Polonia Gdansk for 13 years and was a regular State player for 10 years.

Now 40, Kreft just oozes enthusiasm, much of which he has infused into the present SA squad.

Probable SA line-up: Romanowicz, Murray, B. Nyskohus, Kouzapa, Rusalen, Wetton, Farkas, Birch, Batchelor, Perin, Marusic.

EARLY BIRDS

Adelaide Juventus and WA Hellas will represent SA in the 1969 Australia Cup.

Juventus qualified as the State's No. 2 representative with a 2-0 win over Polonia and Hellas downed USC Lion by the same score in a replay last Saturday.

Juventus avenged their Federation Cup Final loss to Polonia in amazing fashion.

They fielded a spare parts team because of the suspension of Valentino Frattini, the unavailability of Nilo Rusalen and Jim Mill and an injury to Joe Baggio.

Veteran fullback Fulvio Pagani made a shock comeback and junior Aldo Raponi was brought in to cover the losses — and Juventus triumphed.

Lion fielded a drastically changed line-up for the replay against Hellas.

They had Wally Fedczynszyn and John Cattana back, but were without regulars John Lovell, Tony Haddington, John Baines and Ian Monan.

Hellas had Alex Byrne and Nick Pantelis missing from their usual combination but sprang a surprise by recalling former Beograd coach, Peter Jaksa.

Jaksa began quietly but once he settled down showed that he has retained all the skills which gained him captaincy of SA.

Australia Cup Play-off results

Juventus 2 (Serafini, Nowak t.o.g.) v. Polonia 0. WA Hellas 2 (Birch, Batchelor) v. USC Lion 0. (replay after first tie abandoned in 70th minute).

Hungarian defects

— From LOU GAUTIER —

The brilliant young Ferencvaros forward, Zoltan Varga, star of the Hungarian team, has reportedly sought political asylum in Canada, where he may try to join the Puskas-managed Vancouver Royals club.

However, FIFA is certain to suspend him at least for one year if the Hungarian FA requests this.

Varga, rated as Hungary's greatest talent, vanished from the team's Guadalajara quarters before the Games opened and has not been seen since.

Varga has had the inclination to defect earlier. During the 1966 World Cup

he was reported to be keen to stay in England.

Eventually he was forcibly put on a plane to Budapest, without playing a match and the reason given for his departure by Hungarian officials was a knee injury.

A report here says that his wife has escaped from Budapest to Vienna and will join her husband shortly.

Australia's World Cup ties next Oct.

From LOU GAUTIER

MEXICO CITY. — A year from now Australia will play its World Cup elimination matches, either in Japan or in South Korea.

This was the decision reached by FIFA and the countries involved at the Guadalajara Congress.

FIFA had to make a compromise to break what had appeared to be a deadlock.

While rejecting the "McAndrew-Plan" which suggested a breaking down of the groups to preliminary pairings, FIFA also took notice of the almost unanimous wish of the countries not to play both group tournaments in Israel.

Australia's two delegates,



Ian Brusasco and Vic Tuting, were happy with the compromise.

Both Japan and South Korea declared their willingness to hold the tournament for the group which also includes Australia and Rhodesia.

In fact, both countries will actually bid for the rights.

All travelling and living expenses of Australia and the other visiting countries will be fully underwritten by the organisers — and guaranteed by FIFA.

The other group — New Zealand, Israel and North Korea — will stage their tour-

namment in Israel.

The winners of the two groups will meet at a venue yet to be decided by FIFA to determine the 1970 World Cup finalists from the combined Asia-Oceania zones.

Significantly enough, FIFA made it clear that their decision will be final and should either group winner object to the venue on political grounds, graceful withdrawal will be their only remedy.

I don't know how this news will be received in Australia — but it strikes me as a pretty good deal.

As Australia wouldn't and, because of Rhodesia's pres-

ence, couldn't hold the tournament, it was obvious that our team will have to travel somewhere.

And since expenses will be guaranteed, both the ASF and the various State Federations should be well satisfied with the arrangements.

LET'S GET READY

— By PAUL DEAN —

So far so good. At long last, we know the appropriate date and possible venue of our World Cup commitments.

The rest is up to us. With due respect to Japan and South Korea, nobody can fairly describe Australia's chances as remote — if we are prepared.

But prepare we must, without any further delay and administrative snags.

To start with, ASF secretary Ian McAndrew should confer with the various States to map out the whole program of 1969.

The Australian national team must be selected early in 1969 and then called together as often as possible, even if only for weekends.

They must be given every possible chance to play matches against overseas visitors and even State teams.

Greece, if they do come, would be ideal opponents.

In view of the importance of our World Cup preparations, the ASF would be well advised to reconsider its archaic attitude to the Merdeka Tournament — and enter our team in August.

The five or more matches the team would play there would be the perfect tune-up for the October clashes.

The plans must be laid now and implemented as soon as possible.

But it's imperative that for once, our warring State administrators place Australia's interest ahead of their own.

It's sad enough if the two are not identical anyway.

THE RUSSIANS ARE COMING!

— By LOU GAUTIER —

MEXICO CITY. — The full England team will definitely tour Australia in 1971 to play 10 matches at the paltry fee of \$1500 a game — \$500 less than Manchester United received in 1967.

Ian Brusasco and Vic Tuting confirmed the previously loose arrangement with English FA officials here in Mexico.

They have also received numerous other offers from countries keen to tour Australia.

A Russian team — from their top four — would be willing to play a series of matches in Australia in February 1969 on the same terms as Torpedo Moscow did in 1965.

Glasgow Rangers, one of the mighty clubs of Europe, have also offered to come to Australia next year, around May, for eight or 10 matches at most acceptable terms.

Some Latin American countries also show interest in including Australia in their periodic globe-trotting tours.

As I understand, Greece are keen to go to Australia in July.

Now the ASF has to sort out the most suitable dates, opponents and conditions to ensure that 1969 will be an exciting international year for the Australian fans.

VIP status for Oceania

MEXICO CITY. — The Oceania Confederation will gain full FIFA executive status in 1970 when, at the next Congress, either an Australian or a New Zealand official will become a FIFA vice-president.

This is the honor our delegates chased in 1966 at the London Congress but failed to obtain.

Now, at the Guadalajara Congress, Australian delegates Ian Brusasco and Vic Tuting were assured that in two years time our Confederation will achieve its ambitions of gaining executive status with FIFA.



OLYMPIC SOCCER RESULTS

MEXICO. — The first two days of the soccer tournament produced only one major surprise, the defeat of 1964 runners-up Czechoslovakia. The loss by the young Brazilians was expected.

Hungary and Bulgaria have become joint favorites following their effortless first round wins.

Japan started off well and so did France, but the Mexicans disappointed and were slow-clapped by the 60,000 spectators.

GROUP "A":

First round:

Mexico v. Columbia 1-0 (0-0). Scorer: Estrada.
France v. Guinea 3-1 (0-0). Scorers: Hallet, Horlaville and Perrigoud (France), Camara (Guinea).

GROUP "B":

First round:

Spain v. Brazil 1-0 (0-0). Scorer: Martinez.
Japan v. Nigeria 3-1 (1-1). Scorers: Kunishige (3) (Japan) and Okoye (Nigeria).

GROUP "C":

First round:

Hungary v. El Salvador 4-0 (1-0). Scorers: Mencia, Dunai, Fazekas and Sarkozsi.
Israel v. Ghana 5-3 (3-2). Scorers: Faygenbaum (3), Spiegel (2) (Israel); Malik (2), Amosa (Ghana).

GROUP "D":

First round:

Bulgaria v. Thailand 7-0 (1-0). Scorers: Christov (2), Guilarov, Yekov, Azfirov, Donev, Ivkov.
Guatemala v. Czechoslovakia 1-0 (1-0). Scorer: Stokes.

REVIEW OF SYDNEY TEAMS '68

By
Lou Gantier

BERRIES KEEP FLIRTING WITH DISASTER

When we summed up Canterbury's season last year we predicted they would be hard put to repeat their dazzling string of successes in the second half of the 1967 championship this year.

The Berries in 1967, after an alarming start, lifted themselves from the tail-end of the ladder to eventually finish sixth, not that far from fourth position and a spot in the play-offs.

Canterbury, we prophesied last year, would stay clear of relegation in 1968, but we expressed some doubt that they would show the same all-conquering spirit which prompted their fairy-tale rise up the competition ladder in 1967.

Actually, after one-third of the championship had been completed, it looked as though the first part of our prediction would come unstuck.

For two weeks, Canterbury were stone, motherless last, but that only proved a temporary predicament and they quickly moved ahead of Manly for good.

SURGED AHEAD

And what's more, not content with making sure that they avoided relegation, the Berries proceeded to move ahead of fellow struggling teams, and when the championship was over they were comfortably clear of Melita Eagles and St. George as well.

Judging the talent at their disposal and the internal difficulties which again caused some perturbation, Canterbury did as well as could have been expected this year, perhaps even better under the circumstances.

Canterbury, as in 1967, proved the exception which confirms the rule in so much that so-called "discards" don't always have to flop when they assemble in another team.

Canterbury, more than any other team, had to call upon players whose services were no longer required elsewhere.

Whitehead (Hakoah), Taylor (St. George), Romanos (Pan Hellenic), Hillhouse (St. George), Ninaus (Hakoah), Hood (Hakoah), Kauz (Hakoah) and Rinos (Croatia) all fell in this category.

By holding their own with the best of them, they vindicated their transfers and proved they were still alive and kicking.

The same, unfortunately, cannot be said for the young, local-born talent, which was all but non-existent this year.

Canterbury, who launched so many bright new faces into big-time football in the past, have fallen on hard times in this respect.

Where are the new Watkisses, Warrens, Smiths, Westwaters, Yaagers, Corrys, who all saw the day once at Arlington Oval?

Not one local product from the vast Canterbury Junior District Association was deemed good enough to hold on to a regular first team berth in 1967.

And more depressing, there was not one outstanding youthful prospect in any of their reserve grades.

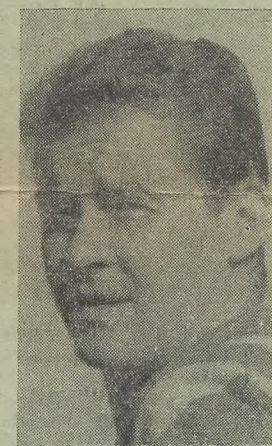
While it may have been understandable that the

club, when in dire straits with relegation staring it in the face last year, couldn't afford the gallant, romantic, gesture of bleeding youngsters, their policy this year is harder to justify.

Canterbury could at least have followed the example of St. George and Melita Eagles, whose coaches did not hesitate to parade all their youngsters, with varying degrees of success, admittedly, once they had nothing more to fear from relegation.

The turning point in the team's fortunes came when the irrepressible Herbert Ninaus took over as coach from Gyula Polgar, who moved to St. George.

His drive, enthusiasm, and the confidence he infused into his motley crew of players proved decisive as Canterbury's record in the second half of the championship proved eloquently.



HERBERT NINAUS

His success was the more praiseworthy because he was rarely able to call on Gerry Hood, whose future in soccer is now very much in doubt.

Ninaus, himself, whenever he donned his boots, performed what he preached off the field.

Though the years and added poundage have caught up with him, he still retained some of the explosiveness which characterised his hey-day in front of goal.

REBUILDING

But if they want to play a more prominent role next season instead of relying on occasional bursts to get them out of trouble, as they have these past two seasons, Canterbury will have to rebuild their team.

Of their current squad, and despite their courageous performances this year, I would only retain goalie Demopoulos, a match-winner if I ever saw one, when the mood strikes him, despite his unpredictability; newly-signed stopper, Barry Taylor, and Greek halfback, Stripelis, if it is his intention to stay in Australia.

Stripelis was one of the revelations of the season.

Arriving unsung and unheralded, he oozed with class and played a major, if not vital, part in lifting the Berries away from the relegation zone.

A clever midfield "general" who "reads" the

game intelligently, his promptings produced more tangible results for his team than Loukanidis, for all his class and incomparably bigger reputation, for Pan Hellenic, with whom Canterbury still engaged in a fratricide, if somewhat more subtle, war of nerves this season.

But it's in attack that Canterbury need the most rethinking.

Hillhouse, Massi, Hewitt and Kauz cannot be regarded as anything more than stop-gaps, while Rinos and Hood have obviously lost their keenness.

Paxinos and useful mid-field "link," Romanos, should be able to retain their berths in whatever side Canterbury can muster next season.

Paxinos, despite his fiery temperament, was their top scorer, and Romanos, a live-wire dynamo, could even be more useful in a more balanced team, with better support.

On the administrative side, the picture is not quite as cut and dry.

Canterbury are still beset with internal unrest as the shock resignation of old-time club stalwart, Norm Martin, showed early this year.

The Greco-Australian marriage still hasn't shed its overtones of a "shot-gun" wedding, and their teething problems have yet to be solved.

NO DIRECTION

As a result, Canterbury often gives the impression of being a hybrid outfit, still uncertain of the course to follow, hesitating to engage themselves fully in one direction or the other.

That they've lost their once reasonably flourishing "local" support is evident in the tiny crowds which turned out at Arlington, where once 3,000 spectators was a Saturday minimum.

This loss hasn't been compensated as hopefully expected when the Greek-Australian merger was consummated.

The Greek community is still not flocking to support Canterbury.



BARRY TAYLOR

Old affections die hard, and the vast majority have remained loyal to Pan Hellenic, whose splendid revival this year has increased their support, leaving the Berries with only a small, hard core of "dissidents."

PROUD EAGLES WERE MEEK LITTLE DOVES

Always at the tail-end of the table, with the exception of the first six competition rounds, Melita Eagles again failed to play any leading part in the championship this year.

By a strange coincidence, they wound up in the same position (10th) as last year — and with precisely the same amount of points (15).

The current season must have come as a big disappointment to Melita officials and supporters.

Before the start of the season there was unbounded optimism in the Melita camp.

One and all was convinced that a reasonably satisfying season lay ahead.

BIG SPENDING

They were the most active of all First Division clubs.

Out went the cheque books to secure Duffy from Hakoah, Thorne from Prague, Goldie from Cumberland, Nemet and Kovac from New Zealand, De Bruin from St. George, and an influx of promising young amateur talent swelled the books of the club (Gary Qusted, Brennan, Edwards, Smith, etc.).

However, as the weeks turned into months Melita discovered, the hard way, that money doesn't automatically mean success.

They must also have realised that it may have been wiser to save the money by investing this tidy sum in just one truly first-rate player instead of spreading it around for a motley collection which hadn't quite made the grade elsewhere.

The money spent on all their new acquisitions could have secured a Watkiss, a Hughes or a Reynolds when they were still on the "market."

With the exception of De Bruin, none of their professional signings made much of an impact in 1968.

Goldie and Duffy were not half as useful as when they played a prominent role in their former clubs.

Thorne, apart from a handful of goals, didn't transform the ailing Eagles' attack as it was hoped, and the New Zealand duo of Nemet and Kovac failed dismally as few imports ever have, especially Nemet who had been preceded by a glowing reputation after his displays in the Saigon Tournament with the Kiwis.

On the positive side, the club this year brimmed with exciting, young talent, most of them former members of Cumberland United's premiership-winning third grade team of 1966 and 1967.

None was more exciting than Gary Qusted, son of the great Len Qusted, the man responsible for the creation of the formidable Cumberland third grade XI three years ago.

Qusted junior has enormous potential and seems certain to keep the family name alive in soccer circles for many years to come.

Brennan, Smith and Edwards also have what it takes to develop into stars of the future under proper coaching and with the right encouragement and incentive.

This, coach Joe Vlasits fully understood this year when he was never afraid to inject his first grade team

with a more than liberal sprinkling of teenage talent.

In the second half of the championship, when it was obvious Melita Eagles had nothing more to hope for or fear, Vlasits transformed his team into the youngest in the league, with the exception of the Manly "lily whites."



DAVE GOLDIE

To his everlasting credit, and despite some criticism from inward-looking officials, he set about displaying the latent talent at the club's disposal for the future though by then he had already made up his mind about leaving Melita next season.

Whether he has succeeded and whether the lesson has been learnt, will only be known when Melita announce their plans for 1969.

NO SUPPORT

Vlasits, however, may yet be the man who put Melita on the right track and assured them of a brighter future.

And the future is all they really have to look forward to because the past and the present have been anything but rosy for a club which embarked on a First Division career with illusions of instant success and glory.

For a start their anticipated "big" support has never materialised.

Judging by their small band of supporters, one wonders how genuine their impressive attendances of 1966 in Second Division must have been.

This season Melita couldn't rely on more than 1,000 supporters, if that.

A large potential following does certainly exist, as George Cross in Melbourne proved in their hey-day some years ago, but the Melita community, like all the others, will only be moved when it sees the goods delivered.

Now that the novelty of the "big time" has worn off, natural sympathy alone will not induce people to watch sub-standard players just because they are "kin."

The dormant Maltese-born support has to be rekindled and this is not one of the lesser tasks confronting Melita.

The surefire method to achieve this goal, of course, is to produce the goods.

For a start, the playing strength must undergo a vast change.

The advice and recommendations of whoever the 1969 coach will be, must be heeded this time.

Players must be added and deleted to fit in with the coach's tactical requirements.

Melita would be well advised to build their team around the young talent now on their books, provided they can hold on to them, which at this stage is far from certain.

FRUSTRATION

A couple of grafters and play-makers must be enrolled to weld together what should be a basically young and inexperienced side.

Had this been done in 1968, we venture to say the Melita fans would have had more pleasant memories of the last nine months.

Melita's small, hard core of loyal, at times regrettably fanatic, supporters had precious little to be pleased about in 1968.

Successes were few and far between — only one at home in fact — but more depressing for those who turned up week after week, entertaining football was an all but an absent commodity.

In practically every match they had to sit through 90 minutes of frustrating football, waiting for goals which rarely came.

Though Melita's defence outshone its frail, pathetic attack by a long shot, this was not nearly enough to avoid a long string of defeats, however narrow they may have been.



CASEY DE BRUIN

Terry Eaton, in goal, despite many sterling performances, didn't have quite as brilliant a season as in 1967.

It could have been that he was understandably discouraged at being continually bypassed in representative matches.

But he was still one of the vital cogs in a defence which had to bear the brunt in every match.

Melita's greatest source of satisfaction this year was the splendid season of Cornelius (Casey) De Bruin — by far their best "buy" (and for a song from St. George) of 1968.

De Bruin this year left the ranks of perennial young "hopefuls" to establish himself as a solid, rugged defender, very much in the Schaefer mould.

De Bruin, and to a lesser degree Eaton, were the only Melita players to make any impression this year though fellow-defenders Hunter, Robinson, and occasionally young Tony Edwards had their moments.

WITH THE AMATEURS

HORNSBY VENUE SYDNEY'S BEST

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Eight miles from Parramatta and two miles from Pennant Hills is Jenner Park, West Pennant Hills, new home ground of Hornsby North End Second Division club.

And, hold your hats on; it is already one of the best rectangular football grounds in Sydney.

Even at this stage it is on the way to being comparable with Rugby League's Belmore Oval, and truth to tell, its potential is infinitely greater.

Who says soccer hasn't an amazing future in Sydney?

Call in and see it. Run along New Line Road from the Bear Farm, slip into Jenner Road.

Forget the white leghorns, goats and cows in the left-hand side paddocks. Don't continue down the bush track that ends in a deep gully.

Just turn right at the main entrance, pass the handsome rock gardens, and slip into one of the two sealed parking areas.

There, down the slope that will become a huge terraced hill, lies an international standard football field.

A magnificent picture! Architecturally a dream, it would hold 25,000 people even now.

Trim brick gate entrances, handsome brick scoreboard, players' referees' quarters, — the best in Sydney — administration offices, coffee shop panelled in the latest tonings, gymnasium which will double up as a dance hall.

The swimming pool is built to allow for diving as well.

This unbelievable set-up stems from the enthusiasm of Hornsby patron, Bill Englefield, a former State cricketer.

Aided by a group of businessmen, he set out some years ago to ensure that the club had a first-class football ground.

His son, now a solicitor, has been a keen forward with the club since its inception.

It is believed that investment in the land alone will exceed \$85,000 before a ball is kicked.

Membership of the proposed club is now beginning to roll.

Some will say the ground is "too far out," but a little time will prove the fallacy of such a statement.

With the opening of the ground, the Hornsby-North End administration has been rebuilt, following a season in which the club almost had to face up to bottom position on the Second Division table.

Councillor Don Evans has been re-elected president.

A vice-presidential system of control has been introduced, with four vice-presidents each responsible for their areas of activity.

● Organisation (Bert Rayner) handles secretarial, grounds and coaches.

● Player research (Earl Partridge and John Pitman).

● Social (Ray Willing).

● Financial (to be finalised) for players, ground staffing, publicity etc.

The club has a new secretary, Brian Jones, a former player, of Boundary Road, Pennant Hills.

He replaces Earl Partridge, foundation secretary, who brought the club through from all-age football.

President Evans and his committee are seeking the full support of all junior clubs in the Hornsby district.

The amended statement by the Shire that they would like to have "predominantly" local teams using their grounds has paved the way to greater co-operation.

In turn this is sure to lead to wider progress in the next few years.

Motor out to Jenner Road Park, West Pennant Hills this weekend, and see for yourself the future image of soccer in Sydney.

It's an eye-opener.

RAPID RISE

Formed in 1962, the Rapid-Riverside club, current Inter-Suburban Second Division leaders, were first called Marrickville C.Y.O. when they first competed in the Amateur Third Division.

An Austrian-sponsored club, as the famous tag of Rapid indicates, Riverside gained promotion to the Second Division this season under the guidance of coach Marek, since replaced by Tony Schilling.

New players like Schilling, Schlegelhofer, Schiemann, Vymetal, Steinfelder, Durlach, Semmler, Gassner, Willis, Hill and Smith played a big part in Rapid's successes this season along with well-known stalwarts Manfred Schwarz and Walter Wesely, the former Hakoah player.

Poised for promotion to First Division in 1969, Rapid have acquired club premises in the City which would be the envy of many more fashionable, wealthy senior clubs.

The acquisition of the King Street clubrooms has acted as a tremendous tonic to players and supporters alike.

Rapid — a name to follow. We should hear much more from them. At their rate of progress, it wouldn't surprise if they eventually gained senior Federation status.

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SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

Sydney will lose one of its most colorful and brilliant performers when RICARDO CAMPANA returns to Argentina next January 21. Campana's contract with APIA has expired and the polished, artistic Argentinian is reportedly keen to go home instead of joining another club.

APIA are negotiating with two BRITISH and two SOUTH AFRICAN players for the 1969 term. At least three of them will be brought out here. The team's reorganisation is proceeding fast and APIA intend to present their 1969 complement some time in November.

A number of the 1968 NSW CHS soccer representative players will be remaining at SCHOOL and be available for CHS honors again in 1969. These include the captain, John Hargreaves, and David Bright, Steven Wilkes, Ken Scully, and Newcastle's talented Lee Bennis.

RAY HORNER, secretary of Gladesville-Hornsby Association, is not a candidate for the position this year. Ray won't be missing from the soccer scene, as he already has some worthwhile junior objectives right in line for his attention in '69.

ALBERT DE PAOLI, the former hard running international centre forward, has been re-appointed president of the football committee of the Western Suburbs club, of which he is also a director.

Nostalgic memories will get a boost on Sunday when two old boys teams, from CESSNOCK and WESTERN SUBURBS will meet, probably at Lambert Park. Former stars donning boots again will include Drinkwater, Marston, De Paoli, McMahon, Sands, Robertson and others.

St. George-Budapest's negotiations for the re-importation of GEORGE YARDLEY and DAVE TODD have succeeded; both players will be here before Christmas, together with their families.

APIA's Argentinian forward, JUAN SANTORO, underwent a small operation to remove water from a knee.

MIKE WEINSTEIN, Chairman of the Victorian State League, assured NSW President JIM BAYUTTI in a letter that all Victorian State League clubs are unanimously behind the recent joint NSW-Victoria move which culminated in the famous walk-out.

At this time of the year you hear a lot about fine juniors. So hear this, too. HOLY CROSS COLLEGE, Ryde, entered teams in soccer for the first time ever — and one of the three, an under-11 side, won the Gladesville-Hornsby "C" grade championship, undefeated and with only two draws, scoring 65 and conceding 5 goals. Sharpshooter Michael O'Rourke scored 45 goals himself and won a ball and pair of boots as "scholarship" from St. George-Budapest.

YUGAL hope to bring out at least one, perhaps two good class players from Yugoslavia for the 1969 season.

Prague coach, JOE VENGLOS, hopes to pay a brief visit to Czechoslovakia before Christmas.

WESTERN SUBURBS are negotiating with Strathfield Council for a 20-year lease of a large area at Belfield.

Last week ARTARMON beat Dapto 3-1 in the first NSW Amateur Cup final ever staged, at Wollongong. The winners were presented with their trophy by Dave Childs, secretary of the NSWASA.

Yugal's talented but controversial inside forward, ILJA TAKAC, is returning home to Yugoslavia next month.

Pan Hellenic's transfer list will include quite a few big-name surprises. To reinforce the team locally, quite apart from the planned overseas imports, the club hopes to sign brilliant Melbourne Hellas fullback, LITOPOULOS, and Adelaide Hellas' talented enforcer, PANTELIS.

KENNY EDWARDS, Auburn's centre-forward until he was called for National Service midway through the season, is expected to be stationed at Holsworthy next year and it is hoped that leave will be obtained for him to be able to play for his side.

The LIDCOMBE Waratah under-13 side, sponsored by Auburn and coached by Jim Fernie, has achieved a feat probably unique in junior football when they won the Granville Association competition, the Sydney Metropolitan Championship, the State Championship and the Champion of Champions trophy.

Drummoine Council is calling for tenders for the use of DRUMMOYNE OVAL during the winter season from April 1 to August 31, on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays. Separate tenders are also being called for catering rights at the Oval.

Pan Hellenic's long PACIFIC sea tour between November 14 and December 24 will take in Singapore, Hong Kong, Guam, Fiji and New Zealand. At all ports the team will play friendlies though the purpose of the trip is mainly to give the players and their wives a holiday.

YUGAL officials deny the recurring rumor about their club's amalgamation. They point out, however, that they would be willing to discuss any serious proposals should they receive any.

The annual symposium of ES FEDERATION was held the AUSTRALIAN COACH in Brisbane last weekend.

TERRY EATON, Melita Eagles' goalkeeper may not need a cartilage operation as his troubling right knee is responding well to intensive specialist treatment.

The HAKOAH Social Club has bought a building near Bondi Beach. Soon they will re-apply for a licence.

Saints have at least two exciting young prospects in their third grade team which won the Grand Final replay last week, beating Croatia 2-0. The two are goalie Frazer and left winger Treasure, both of whom should be heard of soon in a higher grade. The team was coached by ROSS WARREN.

The annual general meeting of MELITA EAGLES-NEWTOWN is to be held at the club premises in Marrickville on Sunday, November 3.

HAKOAH's annual general meeting will be held in late November or early December.

Bankstown United Soccer Club has engaged ROY SMITH, an FA qualified coach, for their first team next year. Smith, a former English Schoolboy international, was a first grader with West Ham United for five years and spent years with Portsmouth. Before studying for his FA coaching certificate, Smith had broken his leg twice after which he gave up the game as player.

Melita Eagles' four promising AMATEURS are almost certain to sign again for the club next season — at least one of them will join the professional ranks.

DENIS ADRIGAN, President of the Australian Coaches Federation, started this week a goalkeepers' course at Macarthur Park for youngsters over eight years and older.

St. George-Budapest's new English winger, MIKE DENTON, from Cambridge City, arrived this week. Since June the Saints have imported six players, all for the 1969 season.

Melita Eagles-Newtown will hold its annual PICNIC DAY next Sunday with a barbecue at Prince Edward Park, on the banks of the Woronora River.

Seventeen year old Miss Barbara Cawthorn was crowned MISS SOCCER QUEEN before 1,250 people in the main hall at Bankstown Square last Saturday. Miss Cawthorn, who comes from Condell Park, raised over \$1500 for the Bankstown United Association of Soccer Clubs.

More than 350 Melita Eagles supporters and nearly all three grades players attended the PRESENTATION NIGHT last Saturday. Trophy winners were: best and fairest: Casey De Bruin (first grade); Steve Watts (second grade); Ken Mapledoran (third grade). Pisan Cup (for the most improved and promising players): Tony Edwards; runner-up (Selectors Cup): Bobby Smith; Best Clubman Trophy: Terry Eaton. Trophies for the most consistent players in all grades were presented by team manager Sam Sammut: Terry Thorne (first grade); Steve Watts (second grade); Jett Thomson (third grade). Mill Melita Eagles 1968, Miss Josephine Ciantar presented the top scorers' cups to: Terry Thorne (first grade); Gary Quisted (second grade) and Ian McDougall (third grade). In addition to winning the club's major award, Casey De Bruin also won the Maltese Herald Trophy awarded annually to the best player of the season.

About 300 YOUNGSTERS with their managers and coaches from the Granville Waratah Club together with many parents had their picnic and Presentation Day last Sunday at the Warragamba Dam.

Hakoah star RAY BAARTZ will announce his engagement soon.

At Macarthur Park last Sunday two games between GRANVILLE veteran teams and referees teams finished 8-7 and 4-3, in both cases in Granville's favor. Most of Sydney's leading referees took part — as players.

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AUSTRALIA CUP 1968

Hakoah (Vic.) good bet for final place

— By PAUL DEAN —

A major form reversal, reaching proportions that demand a swab, will have to be produced by Prague on Sunday to pull their chestnut out of the fire.



Ross Manuel, the young Prague winger appears to have screwed off his head and replace it with the ball as he is rounding Melbourne Hakoah full-back O'Neill.

It's probable that the three-week lay off since their last match had anything but a beneficial effect on the players.

How can they regain their former form by next Sunday?

This will be a tall order for Joe Venglos but, if anybody, he will certainly do it.

Hakoah Melbourne sit pretty, almost in the box seat.

With their home game coming up, they have no deficit to wipe out or reduce.

Their team appears to be much more mature than Prague's with a mark of professionalism stamped on it, especially on the defence.

There in Keith, Van Alphen and O'Neill they have what may be one of the best fullback lines in Australia — certainly good enough to handle the feeble, sometimes puerile attempts of Prague's youthful forwards.

Fry, Cameron and Armstrong all struck us as potential match-winners.

Backed up by the busy, solid Murney and Stenhouse, the Hakoah forward line, though not in the same class as their defence, will hold the key to the outcome of this match.

If they take their chances and score at least two goals, they should win, even if it takes them extra time to do so.

LIKELY TEAMS:

HA KOAH (Vic.) v. PRAGUE

HENDERSON	1. KING
KEITH	2. HARCOMBE
O'NEILL	3. MOULSON
MURNEY	4. BLACKER
VAN ALPHEN	5. ZEMAN
STENHOUSE	6. BLANCO
FRY	7. R. MANUEL
SMITH	8. G. MANUEL
ARMSTRONG	9. SCHEINFLUG
CAMERON	10. GAUTO
KURTA	11. ARMYTAGE

Pathetic Prague missed bus badly

"Our ladies' team would have played better", said a sad if not shattered Joe Venglos last Sunday after his Prague had struggled to a far from glorious 1-1 against Melbourne Hakoah.

This match, the first leg of their Australia Cup semi-final, was about as exciting as watching flies walk on a window.

Prague were at their comatose worst, playing as if it was a sordid task instead at least some pleasure.

Admittedly they were without regulars Tracey and Hoggart — but what about Scheinflug and Blanco who, reputedly, always make or break their team?

Blanco was passable though far from brilliant but Scheinflug was at least as bad as Wilcox, ambling aimlessly and slowly around the pitch as though searching for lost memories.

It was pretty hard to follow why coach Venglos decided to replace fullback Moulson at halftime instead of dropping Wilcox, as Prague needed fresh blood and thrust in the forward line more than anywhere else.

Hakoah of Melbourne played good, two-leg stuff, clearly aiming for a close result and deservedly getting it.

TOO MODEST

I can't understand why their players were so terribly pleased with the draw after the match when — in my book anyway — they should have won.

Whenever they had the ball, they set about using it intelligently, especially their extremely clever right winger Fry and mobile inside man, Cameron.

The first half was pathetically dull and held little promise for the second term.

Gary Manuel's goal, a fine header from a cross by Ross Manuel, was the only worthwhile moment in the first 45 minutes.

After resumption Prague launched some desperate

attacks but first Wilcox missed a sitter and then Van Alphen and later Keith cleared from the line.

The Hakoah counter-attacks were always dangerous, like the one that brought the goal, a solo effort by Cameron.

In Prague, King, Harcombe and Ross Manuel were the only three to show any form; all the others played several octaves below their best.

In Hakoah quite a number of players caught the eye: both fullbacks, Keith and O'Neill, the whole half line as well as Fry, Cameron and the bustling, busy Armstrong.

Details: Prague: King, Harcombe, Blacker, Zeman, Rootsey (Moulson); Blanco, Scheinflug; R. Manuel, G. Manuel, Wilcox, Gauto.

Hakoah (Vic.): Henderson, Keith, O'Neill, Murney, Van Alphen, Stenhouse, Fry, Smith, Armstrong, Cameron, Thomas (Kurta).

Scorers: G. Manuel 25 min.; Cameron 71 min.

Referee: V. Dobinson (Qld.).

Crowd: 3,700.

— Paul Dean

AZZURRI DIED IN BIG HEAT

— From a Special Correspondent —

The WA Federation created possibly the biggest botch in the sad history of the long-suffering Australia Cup.

On their insistence, Sydney Hakoah agreed to play both legs of their semifinal tie against Azzurri in Perth.

When Hakoah arrived, they were informed that Friday night's game was off — as there was no ground available with floodlights.

Instead, Perth officials suggested a match on Saturday and one on Sunday.

Hakoah refused and received the support of the ASF.

But the first game went on, in 93 deg. heat on Saturday afternoon — and as it turned out, it was the only match.

So instead of playing on Friday and Sunday, they played on Saturday.

At press time the ASF has not decided what will happen to the second leg of the semifinal.

Should Azzurri insist on playing a return match, they will have to come to Sydney on Sunday — entirely at their own expense, involving some \$4,000.

This they are most unlikely to do as their chances of pulling the tie out of the fire are less than remote.

In the match against Azzurri, Hakoah proved far too polished, strong and fast.

DETERMINATION

They should have been leading 3-1 at half time instead of a scoreless draw as both Baartz and Watkiss missed absolute sitters.

Azzurri played with zest and determination, but managed to run themselves into the ground in the heat.

The second half was mainly a one-sided affair.

In the 57th minute Baartz hit the post in a preview of things to come.

A minute later Jones and Harry Rutherford took a short corner and from Jones' lob Baartz headed home Hakoah's first goal.

In the 65th minute Watkiss took a freekick from

18 yards, slipped the ball to Yaager whose through-pass was gratefully accepted by Willie Rutherford, heading home the second goal.

In the 67th minute Azzurri winger Holt raced down the flank unchallenged and his cross was tapped in by Van Oosten from a yard or so.

But Azzurri were tiring; the heat took its toll and Hakoah's domination became pronounced.

The Sydney team, using the ball intelligently in the heat, put Azzurri under tremendous pressure and the goals simply had to come.

RUTHERFORD . . .

In the 76th minute, after a Yaager-Baartz move, Willie Rutherford shot a low drive for Hakoah's third goal.

Three minutes from the end Watkiss sneaked off with a through pass of Willie Rutherford, rounded the desperate 'keeper and made it 4-1.

Hakoah played intelligent, constructive football, giving a lesson to their opponents.

Azzurri proved to be an over-defensive team, relying entirely on breakaways — which seldom came off.

Hakoah's best men were Fekete, Walsh and Willie Rutherford while Baartz and Watkiss played below their best.

Details:

Azzurri: Milanovic; Riberi, Lind; Hobson, Reid, Knezevich; Holt, McIntosh, Van Oosten, Segon, Miller.

Hakoah: Fuzes; Fekete, Marnoch, Hillsdon; Walsh, Yaager; H. Rutherford, W. Rutherford, Watkiss, Baartz, Jones.

Scorers: W. Rutherford (2), Baartz, Watkiss; Van Oosten.

Referee: O'Malley (SA).

Crowd: 2,500.

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ROUND THE WORLD

The King and others

The Thai FA will stage the King's Cup Tournament later this year. So far Malaysia, Laos, Indonesia, Thailand, South Vietnam, Burma and Singapore are certain participants while Taiwan and Hong Kong may also accept.

Merry-go-round

Recently dismissed as manager of the mighty Glasgow Rangers, Scot Symon has accepted a new post, this time managing small Partick Thistle. To add to the oddity of the situation, Symon succeeds his former Rangers centre-forwards, Willie Thornton at Thistle.

Squad getting smaller

As usual, many countries who were originally enthusiastic about the idea, have already pulled out their players from the planned FIFA team to play Brazil in Rio on November 6. Notable absentees will be the Italian, Portuguese and Scottish players. The squad has already whittled down considerably and the largest elite contingent still available is from Hungary from where Albert, Bene, Farkas and Szucs have been invited.

Nemesis for fullbacks

Eire's Dundalk paid a heavy price for their away draw against DOS Utrecht in the Fair Cities' Cup: fullback Patsy (?) McKeown broke his leg and the other fullback, Dessie (?) Reilly also suffered a leg injury.

Pele not for loan

FIFA has refused a request from the South African FA for a temporary transfer for Pele to join a Bantu team for several matches. FIFA's refusal was not based on a principle which opposes temporary transfers — but on South Africa's suspension from the world body.

Peter and the Wolves

Wolverhampton's talented forward Peter Knowles, brother of the Tottenham fullback, is restless again and wants a transfer. What upset Knowles most recently was the news that Liverpool had offered £180,000 for him and team-mate Alun Evans but, after Wolves' refusal, settled for the transfer of Evans only at a reduced figure.

Swedish hopes rise

Sweden's national coach Orvar Bergmark, former fullback star, is patiently building his team for the forthcoming World Cup elimination matches. Bergmark hopes that the emigrant Swedish stars will all be available.

One smiling Scot

Scotland manager Bobby Brown watched the recent international when Switzerland defeated Austria 1-0. Brown left the Swiss stadium all smiles — the Austrians, in Scotland's World Cup group, didn't impress him at all.

Bottled fan sues

An unusual decision made by a court has stirred the Yugoslav FA into action to ban all bottles and glasses (except plastic models) from grounds. In Split, the local First Division club, Hajduk, were sued by a spectator who was hit on the head by a bottle after a match. He was awarded damages of \$1300. The tribunal recognised the spectator had no legal right to take action against the club, but, unable to trace the assailant, they felt Hajduk should cough up.

There is a good chance that Dettmar Cramer will return for another year's coaching stint to Asia, starting probably in July 1969. He will spend about a month in each of 10 countries who, jointly, share his expenses — on top of the \$9,000 grant offered by the Asian Football Confederation.

● Four of the teams which won't qualify for the quarterfinals of the Olympic Games tournament will take part in a "consolation" tournament at Vera Cruz, a Mexican city still smarting at having been overlooked as an Olympic venue.

● Chelsea have signed a 15-year-old forward: Roger Hawkins, England's current schoolboy international centre-forward.

● Manfred David, the referee of the recent Swiss First Division match between Winterthur and Young Boys Berne, is out of action for three months. He was hit on the head with a portable ice chest by an unknown assailant after a stormy match.

● The Spanish FA will build a stadium in the home town of Real Madrid president, Santiago Bernabeu, Almansa, which will bear his name in recognition for his services to Spanish sport.

● Israel, after drawing 3-3 with the US national team in New York, were beaten 1-2 by the professional Oakland Clippers team in California.

● Northern Ireland's crack Glentoran will be without their captain-coach, Alex Young, for two weeks. Young was hurt in the European Cup first round match in Brussels against Anderlecht three weeks ago.

● Olympique Marseille, the French club, will miss their high-priced Swedish international winger, Roger Magnusson, for the next month. Magnusson underwent an acute appendectomy recently.

● Vinicio, the Brazilian international forward, is serving his coaching "apprenticeship" with Third Division Neapolitan club, Inter Napoli, before eventually taking over the crack FC Napoli team in a couple of seasons, as promised.

● Turin's 80,000 capacity stadium still hasn't got a name. A local newspaper called for suggestions recently. The names "Stadio Europa" and "Stadio Maratona" were the most suggested by readers.

● The proposed France v. Italy internationals in Mexico in January have been called off. Though both teams will be touring there at the same time, they won't meet, but both will play the Mexican national team twice, at Mexico City and Guadalajara.

● Leeds United have decided to pay for police protection on their supporters' special trains when they play "away". The special police will prevent the vandalism which costs the British Railways an estimated \$1 million a year.

● Did you know that no less than 19 former Yugoslav internationals are currently coaching abroad? Greece has the most Yugoslav coaches, 12 in all, and Turkey, Tunisia and West Germany have five each. There are 41 Yugoslav coaches in 18 countries.

● Ivan Patchedjiev, Bulgaria's national coach in 1962-64, is now the boss of Cyprus' World Cup squad. He also coaches local club Omonia.

● Belgium had a boom season in 1967-68. Attendances at First Division matches were up 113,700 spectators on the previous season. Anderlecht again drew the biggest crowds and averaged 19,976 people at home.

● Rumanian international Ionescu, his country's only expatriate player, was suspended by his German club, Alemania Aachen, for two months for repeated indiscipline.

● The fourth round of the Swiss First Division championship set new attendance figures. A record 90,000 spectators watched the seven matches. The previous highest total for a round was 87,000.

● Until this season every Bundesliga match in West Germany had to kick off at the same time on Saturday afternoon. As from this month, however, any club that wishes to play under floodlights on Friday can do so. The first Friday match was between Munchen 1860 and FC Nurnberg.

● The Danish FA has placed a 12-month embargo on international contacts with Warsaw Pact nations. The Denmark-East Germany match, set down for October 24, has been cancelled and replaced by a match against Luxemburg.

● Nothing to do with soccer — but still interesting. The Libyan Olympic delegation now in Mexico City consists of one athlete — and six officials.

● West Germany's Munchen 1860 will play three matches in Hong Kong next December — at \$5,000 (US) per game, plus expenses.

● The 1969 Maccabian Games will be held from July 28 to August 6 in 1969 in Israel. Soccer is one of the 20 sports on the program.

● So far Santos of Brazil have played 63 official matches in 1968. Pele, getting highly injury prone, has missed about half.

● A 16-year-old boy from Trinidad, Joe Auguste has been signed by Blackpool.

● Former England centre-forward Derek Kevan is now banging them in for non-league club Macclesfield.

● Tottenham manager Bill Nicholson is interested in young Walsall winger Geoff Morris.

Woods in Eire

Former Hakoah pivot Matt Woods, until this season with Southport, is now playing with Eire League club Drumcondra and, according to reports, is still in top form. Woods, in fact, is still so good that he keeps Eire League representative Eoin Hand out of the team.

Sequel to deaths

A court case soon to be brought in Buenos Aires is likely to cost the River Plate club dearly. This case, which followed an inquest into the death of the 71 spectators at the recent River Plate v. Boca Juniors match, was instigated by the coroner who conducted the inquest. Announcing a verdict of accidental death, he added that, in his view, the River Plate club were responsible at least in part. He advised the injured and dependants of those who died to sue the president and 12 directors of the club.

Early celebration

Amadeo Carrizo has been ranked amongst the world's foremost goalkeepers for more than 15 years. Nicknamed "Tarzan", he kept goal for Argentina when his side won the Nations Cup in Brazil in 1964. Argentina beat England, Brazil and Portugal without conceding a goal. River Plate have succeeded in keeping him by consistently renewing his contract at ever higher salaries. Forty-two years old and apparently as good as ever, Tarzan recently signed a new three-year contract. He celebrated by setting a new Argentinian record by playing through eight matches and 45 minutes of consecutive play without having a goal scored against him. Carrizo was carried round the ground in triumph during the half-time interval in the match against Velez Sarsfield, then he conceded a goal in the second minute of the second half.

Valleys not green

Most Welsh clubs struggle non-stop to make ends meet. Take Newport County, for example, whose first five home matches this season averaged only 3,168 spectators and recently only 1,546 paid to see them beat Halifax Town.

He can't stop

This man is going for Stanley Matthews' honors. He is George Antonio who plays in the forward line of Mid-Wales League club Berriew — at the age of 53. As far back as 1938, Antonio played for Stoke City, then had spells with Derby, Doncaster, Mansfield, Wellington and Oswestry.

Peruvian bill

The Peruvian FA have several times attempted to introduce some form of restraint to prevent their best players being tempted abroad. Now, with the 1970 World Cup looming ahead and team manager Didi more than a little optimistic, they have found friends in the Government prepared to sponsor a Bill. The Peru Congress have passed a law to the effect that no professional players can be transferred abroad until after the qualifying matches against Bolivia and Argentina. If Peru qualifies the law will be extended automatically to include the series in Mexico.

SCOREBOARD

WORLD CUP ELIMINATION: Switzerland v. Greece 1-0.

BULGARIA: Slavia v. Cernomore 1-1; Lok. Sofia v. Dounav 1-0; Doubrudja v. Lok. Plovdiv 0-0; Beroe v. Spartak Plevno 3-0; Trakia v. Spartak Sofia 1-0; Cernomore v. Levski 1-2; Botev Varno v. Marek 5-0; CSKA v. Mireur 4-1. **Table:** CSKA 15; Levski 13; Lok. Plovdiv, Slavia 11 pts.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA: Ostrava v. Slovan 1-1; Tranava v. Dukla 2-1; Lok. Kosice v. Banska 1-1; Trencin v. Slavia 2-0; Sparta v. Pardubice 1-0; Zilina v. Teplice 1-1. **Table:** Tranava 8; Slovan 7; Ostrava, Lok. Kosice 6 pts.

SPAIN: Zaragoza v. Atletico Madrid 2-0; Real Madrid v. Sabadell 5-3; Malaga v. Valencia 4-1; Elche v. Real Sociedad 0-0; Espanol v. Bilbao 2-0; Coruna v. Cordoba 1-0; Granada v. Barcelona 1-9.

ITALY: Atalanta v. Varese 0-0; Bologna v. Verona 1-1; Cagliari v. Fiorentina 1-1; AC Milan v. Pisa 2-1; Napoli v. Sampdoria 0-3; Palermo v. Inter Milan 1-1; AS Roma v. Juventus 1-1; Torino v. Vicenza 0-0.

TURKEY: Besiktas v. Istanbulspor 1-0; PTT v. Genclerbirgisi 2-1; Altinordu v. Goztepe 1-0; Galatasaray v. Vefa 1-0; Demirtas v. Sekerspor 2-0; Izmirspor v. Altay 1-0; Mersinidurdu v. Burva 2-1. (First round.)

YUGOSLAVIA: Olimpija v. Dinamo 0-0; Radnicki v. Red Star 2-0; Sarajevo v. Vojvodina 2-3; Bor v. Celik 1-1; Hajduk v. Velez 1-1; Zagreb v. Maribor 1-1; Proleter v. Vardar 1-1; Partizan v. Zeljeznikar 2-1; OFK Belgrade v. Rijeka 5-1. **Table:** Sarajevo 10; Dinamo Zagreb, Velez, Partizan, OFK, Maribor all 9 pts.

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TOUR OF CLUBSCROATIA WIN BIG CUP
IN REPLAY

CROATIA v. SM-HELLAS 1-0

A magnificent goal by centre forward Billy McIntyre, Croatia's top scorer in 1968, ten minutes after half-time was enough to down South Melbourne Hellas in the replayed Docketry Cup Final.

It was Croatia's first win in the Cup.

It was touch and go all the way with Hellas taking a commanding grip on the game for most of the first half and finally throwing away the chance of extra-time when right winger Jimmy Pyrgolis missed a penalty a few minutes from the end.

Both teams were unchanged from the previous

week and right from the kick-off both seemed bent on getting an early goal.

Hellas soon asserted their superiority with their mid-line of Frank Micic, Johnny Bedford and Paul Deeming completely blanketing the pint-sized Croatia attack.

Despite the forceful combination of Ernie Ackerley and David Gorrie in the Hellas attack, Mike Kovacek answered all calls in

the Croatia goal and although he had luck on his side a few times it was obvious it would take unorthodox shooting or close range efforts to beat him.

On the change-over, Hellas were still in command for the early part of the second half but then lost their grip as Croatia opened up and with their quick thrusts pummelled the Hellas defence.

The goal by McIntyre was a crackerjack.

Gaining control in the centre of the field, he hit a tremendous drive from 15 yards which screamed away from Dandrakis into the net.

Croatia had several anxious moments before Hellas got their penalty award when Kovacek was adjudged to have fouled a Hellas forward.

After the miss, time run out for Hellas and Croatia grimly held on to their slender lead.

Best for Hellas, still looking for their first cup-final win, were make-shift centre-half Johnny Bedford, David Gorrie and David Kelly.

For the winners, Mike Kovacek in goal was the best performer afield, closely followed by Billy McIntyre the match-winner and Billy McArthur.

Details:

Croatia: Kovacek, D. McKay, Gunn, McArthur, Bot, Rau, Vojtek, Davies, McIntyre, J. McKay, Mc-Meechan.

SM Hellas: Dandrakis, Kelly, Mantrakes, Micic, Bedford, Deeming, Pyrgolis, Kamboropoulos, Ackerley, Gorrie, Damaniakos.

Scorer: McIntyre.

Referee: G. Pedlar.

Attendance: 10,912.

Short
takes

The 1968 Docketry Cup could hardly be classed as a money-spinner as inclement weather on most of the match-days proved the big bogey.

However, the fact that Croatia and Hellas played before 7,719 in the first game of the final in atrocious weather conditions and again before 10,912 in the replay means that both club kitties will get a considerable boost.

The fact that two top sides can pull out this sort of crowd at the end of the season has not gone unnoticed by those in Victoria agitating for a national or interstate league as the only life-saver.

The Docketry Cup winners and losers medals were presented after the game by Tommy Burns, senior vice-president of the Victorian Soccer Federation.

Before the game Jimmy Rooney the Lions inside-forward was presented with the Argus "best and fairest" award by Bill Fleming, the donor.

The curtain-raiser to the Docketry Cup was the all-Victorian under-10 cup-final between Newborough United and Frankston.

What a terrific beanfeast of soccer these boys provided and with the score 1-1 at full time an extra five minutes each way failed to produce an outright result with a replay being necessary.

The final of the Federation Cup takes place this Saturday with the Springvale ground as the likely venue.

Kellor City meet the winners of the Dandenong v. Yallourn game.

Melbourne who have had a "nightmare" season after their fantastic success of 1967 will hold their annual general meeting next month.

Andy Kun, chairman for the past three years and a leading figure of the club since they started up over 12 years ago, will not offer himself for re-election.

However, Kun will remain a member of the management and executive committee.

He still has complete confidence that Melbourne will once again be a leading force in State League soccer in 1969.

GOALIES CAUSED
MANY PROBLEMS

Goalkeepers have proved the number one trouble spot for more than a few of the State League sides this season. In fact, with some clubs the position has been a nightmare.

Worst hit of all was probably Melbourne and their problem was not loss of form but a series of injuries and accidents which first put their number one choice Surma out of action for almost the whole season.

Stepping into the breach, Gerrard, was also forced out of action for some time with injury and to crown it all, third choice Mariffy suffered a similar fate.

South Melbourne Hellas were in a different position. At the start of the season Wenzel held down the number one spot, suffered a loss of form and was replaced by Dandrakis who was brought from Greece.

Dandrakis was later replaced for a short spell by Stephens, an arrival from England who, however, lost his place back long before the end of the season to Dandrakis.

Juventus, the same as in 1967, alternated for quite a time with McDonald and Voigt until the latter was more or less given permanency.

Footscray - JUST had young Sam Kazi between the sticks at the start of the season and he gave way to Fode when he had returned from Europe.

Fode failed to reveal the form which made him Victoria's choice in 1966 with the result that Kazi quickly re-established himself in the first team.

Alexander, with Azzopardi guarding the nets for most of the season, replaced him in their last half dozen vital games with Economedes.

It was no reflection on

Economedes, who played brilliantly, that Alexander were relegated.

Slavia lost ace 'keeper Schroif after some disagreement with an official and he returned to Europe.

From then on Slavia had a packet of trouble with their 'keeper position and their decline in the latter stages of the season was partly due to this problem.

They promoted Hunter from the reserves who failed to hit it off, recalled the veteran Barotajs from retirement as a temporary measure, then suffered a cruel blow when Lowrie, whom they flew to Australia from Scotland returned home after playing only a handful of games.

Polonia, too, had their difficulties for some time after the season started until they drafted Blank, normally a fullback into goal.

Blank performed with credit and seems likely to have ended his days as an outfield player.

Lions persevered in 1967 and for the major part of this season with Tommy Carmichael, the former Wilhelmina player who is really a forward in goal.

At the best it can only be said that Carmichael was a stop-gap and never at any time looked like making the position his own.

Lions solved this long-standing problem midway through the season when they brought Evans from England.

Next week: a special feature about the best goalkeepers in State League soccer in 1968.

ST. ALBANS SOCCER CLUB

Position Vacant: Coach

Applications for the position of coach are invited by St. Albans Soccer Club, a leading First Division side and may be forwarded to the Secretary, 27 Alfrieda Street, St. Albans, before November 30, 1968.

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Tasmanians
thrashed

Maribynong Triestina v. Juventus (Launces.) 6-0

Playing hosts to the Tasmanian side over the weekend, First Division team Triestina, reinforced by five Juventus (Melbourne) players, ran riot against the Launceston team at Balfe Park, Brunswick last Saturday.

The Juventus guest players for Triestina were: Medri (goal), Sonsini, a former Triestina player (centre-half) Fogale (half) Ballerini (half) and Di Marchi (forward).

Scorers: Tribuzio (2) Huggins, Favero, Avent, Di Marchi.

SNUB FROM
ADELAIDE

Lions' two match tour of South Australia on October 25 and 26, when they were to have played West Adelaide Hellas and their sister club Lions of Adelaide, has been dramatically called off.

The Adelaide clubs have informed the Essendon club that "ground difficulties" have forced the cancellation of the two games.

I feel that the split within the ASF which divides to some extent South Australia and Victoria, is the real reason.

In former years South Australian sides had never experienced any difficulties in securing a ground to play host to their Victorian visitors.

"Come off it, Bob Armstrong". In a recent TV interview the State League whistler who recently resigned after his car tyres had been let down and threatening phone calls made to his wife following the George Cross v. South Melbourne Hellas game, indicated that part of the blame for such happenings lay at the feet of the Federation through lack of control.

Armstrong, an experienced referee with 10 years' service in Britain and six in Australia, has the sympathy of all decent soccer fans over the circumstances which made him quit.

But in laying part of the blame for such events after a game and outside a ground on the Federation, has lost him some support.

In 1966 they came much closer and were only pipped on goal average for promotion to the State League by Makedonia.

St. Albans have a well equipped ground with amenities which permit members to be under cover and have snacks and refreshments in comfort while they watch the game.

Piko Pavlovich who has been the Footscray-JUST secretary for the past three years and is standing down at the club's annual general meeting shortly, has been reappointed manager of the Ampol Cup competition.

The only shining light in a Maribynong Triestina team which touched rock bottom this season and only managed to escape the drop to the Second Division was left winger Eddie Higgins. The former Juventus winger whom they have never replaced adequately won the "best and fairest" award for the second year running at Triestina's end of the season ball.

Although he has been overshadowed this year by the performances of his brother Gerry with Lions, Hugh Murney, the Hakoah wing-half has been a consistent player in all his four and a half years with Hakoah. Hugh has only missed three games in that period with the Middle Park club.

Unauthorised practice and friendly games by players of several State League clubs who form themselves into a team which would not disgrace Victorian colors are likely to be forbidden by their clubs after Lions centre-half Steve Walker broke his ankle in one of these jaunts against a Metropolitan side two weeks ago.

The players themselves are beginning to wake up to the fact that serious injury in these illegal matches places them outside their club's insurance cover and realise that should they fall victim to serious injury, it means dipping into their own pockets.

Arthur Nicolaides the Alexander treasurer for the past three years and one of their leading officials is resigning at the club's annual meeting to be held shortly.

Nicolaides has heavily slated certain team members for their effort and has criticised the administration of the club on their vast spending spree in recent years, bringing players on short term engagements from Greece.

One of the most progressive Metropolitan clubs is St. Albans whom the late John Hemmerling coached. Ambitious, too, although they only managed to finish on the half-way mark in the First Division this season.

In 1967 they looked a good bet to gain promotion to the State League but faltered in the last few games and were well beaten into second place by Wilhelmina when the season ended.

Tommy Anderson the South Coast player-coach has been in soccer too long to indulge in fanciful predictions about players.

However, one man who impressed Tommy recently while he was in Melbourne was 22-year-old Jimmy Rooney the Lions ball-playing inside-forward who carried off both "Player Awards" in State League soccer this season.

Making quite a hit with George Cross Under-14 juniors is a name which has been synonymous with Victorian soccer for the past 10 years — De Bruyckere. And thereby hangs a tale.

For Benny de Bruyckere is none other than the son of Mike De Bruyckere, the former Wilhelmina star who recently resigned as coach to George Cross.

Now that Dad has departed the question is, will Benny stay put or move?

For the past two years Leo Damaniakos, a prodigy of the Hellas juniors, has made constant progress as left winger in the first team.

But recently Leo has lost his shooting boots and on four outings in the past few weeks has missed chances which seemed easier to convert.

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Second Division reviewed

HORNSBY WON'T HAVE ANOTHER HORROR YEAR

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Hornsby-North End, second last on the competition ladder, no doubt would regard the 1968 season as the most disastrous in the history of the club as they were lucky to escape relegation.

For many obvious reasons, the team failed to impress right through the competition and stayed precariously at the bottom of the table to be saved by its last do-or-die efforts in the final two matches, to head off Lane Cove by three points.

Hornsby put all their eggs in one basket — the acquiring and establishing of their own ground, the spending of all their funds and resources in this one

direction with the result that the team suffered.

Another reason for their downfall after a most impressive 1967 season was poor training facilities and the loss of dynamic centre-forward Nicky Bastas through a broken leg.

It is doubtful if he ever takes the field again.

The team collected only 10 points from three wins and four draws, scoring 35 goals but conceding 56.

Like many other clubs, Hornsby's weakness was in the forwards who, on many occasions, frittered chances away that could have earned valuable points.

As the season progressed and with the pressures of relegation growing, the team continued from bad to worse until the final matches when suddenly it sprang to life drawing against Lane Cove and beating the highly rated Marconi.

However, now that the club is again safe, it seems unlikely that the team's poor performance this season will be repeated again in the immediate future.

Although their main ambition for the moment is to continue playing in Second Division, Hornsby-North End could be a different proposition next season.

Right from the word go in 1969, Hornsby will be playing on their own ground in Jenner Road, West Pennant Hills, the first stage of which (soccer facilities) has been completed only recently.

The improved training facilities alone should improve the side to a great extent but it is more than likely that the team will be also strengthened with local and other players.

At the recent annual general meeting Don Evans has been re-elected president and Brian Jones (an ex-Hornsby player) secretary with further appointments to be made this month to effect a complete re-organisation of administration.

The new committee has formed a company with a view of applying for a liquor licence in the immediate future.

As far as the new ground is concerned, club officials are proud of their achievement which, coming from a Second Division club, is quite a performance.

About \$100,000 has been spent on the ground itself so far and more money will be channelled in it to include other sports like swimming pools, bowling greens, gymnasium, cafeteria and basketball courts.

But the main aim of the project will remain soccer and although seating facilities for about 400 people have already been provided, it is hoped that eventually a covered-grandstand will be erected at this full-size international stadium.

Things are rosy Gladesville way

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Amateur and junior soccer player statistics in New South Wales have long ago ceased to amaze us.

Even so, Gladesville-Hornsby Football Association's 1968 figures indicate what a worthwhile job hundreds of interested men and women carry out in administering, coaching and refereeing the games each week.

Nearly 4,500 players took the field in 314 teams.

No less than 36 competition grades were conducted.

And in these 36 grades, only two teams earned maximum points for the season.

Association secretary Ray Hornery was very pleased with the season's activity.

For the first time the Association had a Champion of Champions winner, when Gladesville RSL won the under-9 years honors.

Gladesville in past years has won some State titles and representative series, mainly in under-18, 21 and seniors.

It was pleasing for them to take out the under-15 Sydney championship, this being a grade where the best of the players are still with all-Associations' teams.

The under-14 unit also played particularly well.

New clubs made a good start.

Holy Cross College Ryde entered three teams, and won a premiership with the under-11's, Div. 3, as did the new Kenthurst club from a six-team entry.

North Epping performed brilliantly in the under-11 Division 1.

Coming up from Division 2, they were only headed in Division 1 by Marfield.

Under-12 Division 1 was another tight competition.

Pennant Hills had never been in second place throughout the younger grades, but Marfield managed to win this competition by a point.

President Jack Woods is aiming to have more senior football in the district, to go hand in hand with the junior development.

He sees the need for an enclosed ground in the southern and central portions of the Association's district, and would like Hornsby Council to give the green light to enclose Somerville Park, Epping.

Woods regards playing fields available to the Association as equal if not better than any available in Sydney, but states that an enclosed ground is indispensable for progress.

He also looks to the need for greater co-operation with the Hornsby North-End club.

The list of Gladesville-developed players now with senior clubs throughout Sydney is almost endless.

Jimmy Sambrook, David Zeman, Phil Wilcox, Don Sandell, Graeme MacKinnon, with countless others breaking through the lower grades with APIA, Croatia, Prague and other clubs.

With a proper ground and more coaching, Woods works for the day when the facilities to handle the district's talent can be found within its boundaries.

The Association is about to bring its new clubhouse at Santa Rosa Park, North Ryde into full use.

It will take them about five years to bring the ground into proper shape, but thanks to the assistance of Ryde Council in giving the Association a long term lease of the six-acre site, the Association has a definite future at this well-placed ground.

This year, the senior competition was won by Ryde RSL.

Winning teams in other grades down to under-11 are listed.

U/17: Marfield.

U/16: West Ryde Rovers.

U/15: Ryde RSL.

U/14 Div. 1: Epping YMCA.

U/14 Div. 2: Carlingford Boys Home.

U/13 Div. 1: Gladesville RSL.

U/13 Div. 2: St. Andrews.

U/13 Div. 3: West Epping.

U/12 Div. 1: Marfield.

U/12 Div. 2: Gladesville Ravens.

U/12 Div. 3: Pennant Hills.

U/12 Div. 4: Marfield.

U/11 Div. 1: Marfield.

U/11 Div. 2: Marfield.

U/11 Div. 3: Holy Cross College.

The Association presentation day will be held at the Hoyts Theatre, Ashfield on Saturday, October 19.

The youngsters receive their trophies at 2 p.m. (under 6 to under 10s), and older grades from 7.30 p.m.

You're all welcome at either session.

Films will be shown at both sessions.

There is no doubt that Gladesville-Hornsby had a very good season.

Their big drawback is the lack of senior outlets, but this will be increasingly filled by the unequalled potential of the new Hornsby district club, which is aiming to fight its way upward through Inter-Suburban ranks under the eagle eye of coach Andy McLaughlan.



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COME OF AGE METROPOLITANS

— By DOUG McALLISTER —

With the spread of junior soccer in NSW, the management of the old junior State Board went into redundancy and created the present method of control.

The State was divided into five branches, each of which have two delegates on the NSW Board and it is the duty of this board to govern and promote junior soccer within a State which boasts over 100,000 registered players.

The Sydney MASFA, more commonly known as the "Sydney Juniors", is one of the five branches in NSW which controls the present-day junior players, ranging from the age of six to the all-age division.

The Sydney branch, because of the density of population, naturally enough is by far the largest, having control of over 52,000 youngsters.

The control of football by the Sydney branch is decentralised by means of 14 District Associations, which control club football through the media of local suburban junior clubs.

These clubs run their own affairs and are completely dependent on themselves in regard to coaching, etc., and 3,400 teams which play each weekend throughout the season.

From this club football, district associations select Association teams, which are placed in competitions run and controlled by the SMASFA.

Ten competitions were conducted in 1968, which embodied age groups from 8 to All-Age, the senior competition being the Sydney Metropolitan Championships, the winners of which represented the SMASFA in the State Finals.

The 14 associations nominate their representative teams in each age group, which means that 168 teams of representative standard are matched, over and above club football, to find the Sydney Metropolitan Champions.

When we consider the tremendous amount of work entailed in organising 52,000 boys into these competitions, such as grounds, equipment, transport, competition draws, etc., one wonders how they manage.

Every person involved in organising is doing so on a voluntary basis; hundreds of men and women, and in a lot of cases boys, spend their weekends and week days coaching and training, and all weekend manage and urge their teams on.

Possibly the greatest tribute that can be paid to these stalwarts at club and State level is the success

they have achieved and the obvious results of sportsmanship and gamesmanship shown by their teams.

This explosion of junior soccer to the staggering figures shown this year, has created difficulties so far as control is concerned, particularly the shortage of good grounds to stage the Sydney Metropolitan Championships.

The ideal situation of course would be for the juniors to procure land and build their own central ground.

This has been discussed at a Metropolitan level, and may some day become a reality.

A summary of the Metropolitan Championships conducted in 1968 gives some idea of the work entailed throughout the season.

Sydney Metropolitan Champions

U/8 Winner* Competing Ass. 10 Run over 13 weeks.

U/9 Winner Sutherland* Competing Ass. 10 Run over 13 weeks.

U/10 Winner Sutherland* Competing Ass. 10 Run over 13 weeks.

U/11 Winner Sutherland* Competing Ass. 10 Run over 13 weeks.

U/12 Winner Southern Dist.* Competing Ass. 11 Run over 14 weeks.

U/13 Winner Granville* Competing Ass. 10 Run over 13 weeks.

U/14 Winner Bankstown* Competing Ass. 10 Run over 19 weeks.

U/15 Winner Gladesville Competing Ass. 10 Run over 19 weeks.

U/16 Winner Bankstown* Competing Ass. 10 Run over 19 weeks.

U/18 Winner Manly Competing Ass. 11 Run over 21 weeks.

U/21 Winner Granville* Competing Ass. 10 Run over 19 weeks.

All-Age Winner Wests Competing Ass. 6 Run over 10 weeks.

(Asterisk indicates team went on to win State title conducted by the State body at Manly and Corralim).

Winners of the 1968 Sydney Metropolitan KO competitions were:

U/8: Sutherland.

U/9: Bankstown.

U/10: St. George.

U/11: Bankstown.

U/12: Sutherland.

U/13: Granville.

U/14: Sutherland.

U/15: Wests.

U/16: Wests.

U/18: Manly.

U/21: Wests.

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